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In re the Application of:

T. MORI, et al.

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Examiner: A. ROBINSON-BOYCE

For: MESSAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, MESSAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM
MESSAGE MANAGING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING MESSAGE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on August 9, 2002. A Petition for a -month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to October 9, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims 1-21 and ADD new claims 22-27 in accordance with the following:

1. (Amended) A message processing apparatus, comprising:
an acquisition unit obtaining information indicating whether each of a plurality of receivers of a message, who in a group do a job associated with the message, has completed an assigned part of the job; and
a control unit, based on the information obtained by the acquisition unit, causing a terminal apparatus to display information indicating a ratio of persons who have completed the

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